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REMARKS

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1. On 18 September 1953, the west section of the Ebersdorfer Kaserne in Chemnitz was occupied by about 250 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. [] the installation housed a driving school, in addition to the hospital stationed there. [] the troops previously stationed there had been relieved, allegedly because they had rejected employment during the disturbances in June. New recruits had allegedly arrived. On 16 September, 50 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets received instruction on 10 driving school trucks in the barracks yard. All was quiet in the barracks area between 13 and 18 September.

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2. On 18 September, the east section of the Ebersdorfer Kaserne was occupied by 250 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and a small number of troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets, including some with signal insignia. []

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3. On 8 August, [] a metallic transmitting mast, about 10 meters high, at the drill grounds near the barracks installation in Ebersdorf. Devices resembling the vanes of a windmill, about 3.5 meters long and 0.5 meters wide, were fixed at the mast, at a height of about 8 meters. Three trucks, carrying several devices which, [] included a radar set, and interconnected by a cable; and on 15 August, a large tent and a 15-man tent, were seen near the mast. Seven overheadlines and 4 rubber-insulated wires connected the east section of the barracks installation in Ebersdorf with the above-mentioned signal installation after 18 August. Seven more lines were being constructed prior to 16 September. The installation was occupied by about 50 soldiers. Trucks [] were identified.

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Comment. The barracks installation in Ebersdorf can be carried occupied as previously by a motor transport unit, presumably of the Wismut Corporation, and a hospital. []

[] an unidentified engineer unit had also been believed stationed there. []

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 these soldiers belonged to the signal installation mentioned. 

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